

Occupational Safety and Health Admin., Labor

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- (a) Basic requirements.
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- (f) The capacity of an exit route must be adequate.
- (g) An exit route must meet minimum height and width requirements.
- (h) An outdoor exit route is permitted.

§ 1910.37 *Maintenance, safeguards, and operational features for exit routes.*

- (a) The danger to employees must be minimized.
- (b) Lighting and marking must be adequate and appropriate.
- (c) The fire retardant properties of paints or solutions must be maintained.
- (d) Exit routes must be maintained during construction, repairs, or alterations.
- (e) An employee alarm system must be operable.

§ 1910.38 *Emergency action plans.*

- (a) Application.
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- (a) Application.
- (b) Written and oral fire prevention plans.
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- (d) Employee information.

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EFFECTIVE DATE NOTE: At 76 FR 33606, June 8, 2011, § 1910.33 was amended by revising the entry listed for § 1910.35, effective July 8, 2011. For the convenience of the user, the revised text is set forth as follows:

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§ 1910.35 *Compliance with Alternate Exit Route Codes.*

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§ 1910.34 Coverage and definitions.

- (a) *Every employer is covered.* Sections 1910.34 through 1910.39 apply to work-

places in general industry except mobile workplaces such as vehicles or vessels.

(b) *Exits routes are covered.* The rules in §§ 1910.34 through 1910.39 cover the minimum requirements for exit routes that employers must provide in their workplace so that employees may evacuate the workplace safely during an emergency. Sections 1910.34 through 1910.39 also cover the minimum requirements for emergency action plans and fire prevention plans.

(c) *Definitions.*

Electroluminescent means a light-emitting capacitor. Alternating current excites phosphor atoms when placed between the electrically conductive surfaces to produce light. This light source is typically contained inside the device.

Exit means that portion of an exit route that is generally separated from other areas to provide a protected way of travel to the exit discharge. An example of an exit is a two-hour fire resistance-rated enclosed stairway that leads from the fifth floor of an office building to the outside of the building.

Exit access means that portion of an exit route that leads to an exit. An example of an exit access is a corridor on the fifth floor of an office building that leads to a two-hour fire resistance-rated enclosed stairway (the Exit).

Exit discharge means the part of the exit route that leads directly outside or to a street, walkway, refuge area, public way, or open space with access to the outside. An example of an exit discharge is a door at the bottom of a two-hour fire resistance-rated enclosed stairway that discharges to a place of safety outside the building.

Exit route means a continuous and unobstructed path of exit travel from any point within a workplace to a place of safety (including refuge areas). An exit route consists of three parts: The exit access; the exit; and, the exit discharge. (An exit route includes all vertical and horizontal areas along the route.)

High hazard area means an area inside a workplace in which operations include high hazard materials, processes, or contents.

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Occupant load means the total number of persons that may occupy a workplace or portion of a workplace at any one time. The occupant load of a workplace is calculated by dividing the gross floor area of the workplace or portion of a workplace by the occupant load factor for that particular type of workplace occupancy. Information regarding “Occupant load” is located in NFPA 101–2000, Life Safety Code.

Refuge area means either:

(1) A space along an exit route that is protected from the effects of fire by separation from other spaces within the building by a barrier with at least a one-hour fire resistance-rating; or

(2) A floor with at least two spaces, separated from each other by smoke-resistant partitions, in a building protected throughout by an automatic sprinkler system that complies with § 1910.159 of this part.

Self-luminous means a light source that is illuminated by a self-contained power source (e.g., tritium) and that operates independently from external power sources. Batteries are not acceptable self-contained power sources. The light source is typically contained inside the device.

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§ 1910.34 Coverage and definitions.

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Occupant load means the total number of persons that may occupy a workplace or portion of a workplace at any one time. The occupant load of a workplace is calculated by dividing the gross floor area of the workplace or portion of the workplace by the occupant load factor for that particular type of workplace occupancy. Information regarding the “Occupant load” is located in NFPA 101–2009, Life Safety Code, and in IFC–2009, International Fire Code (incorporated by reference, see § 1910.6).

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§ 1910.35 Compliance with NFPA 101–2000, Life Safety Code.

An employer who demonstrates compliance with the exit route provisions of NFPA 101–2000, the Life Safety Code, will be deemed to be in compliance with the corresponding requirements in §§ 1910.34, 1910.36, and 1910.37.

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§ 1910.35 Compliance with alternate exit-route codes.

OSHA will deem an employer demonstrating compliance with the exit-route provisions of NFPA 101, Life Safety Code, 2009 edition, or the exit-route provisions of the International Fire Code, 2009 edition, to be in compliance with the corresponding requirements in §§ 1910.34, 1910.36, and 1910.37 (incorporated by reference, see section § 1910.6).

§ 1910.36 Design and construction requirements for exit routes.

(a) *Basic requirements.* Exit routes must meet the following design and construction requirements:

(1) *An exit route must be permanent.* Each exit route must be a permanent part of the workplace.

(2) *An exit must be separated by fire resistant materials.* Construction materials used to separate an exit from other parts of the workplace must have a one-hour fire resistance-rating if the exit connects three or fewer stories and a two-hour fire resistance-rating if the exit connects four or more stories.

(3) *Openings into an exit must be limited.* An exit is permitted to have only those openings necessary to allow access to the exit from occupied areas of the workplace, or to the exit discharge. An opening into an exit must be protected by a self-closing fire door that remains closed or automatically closes in an emergency upon the sounding of a fire alarm or employee alarm system. Each fire door, including its frame and hardware, must be listed or approved by a nationally recognized testing laboratory. Section 1910.155(c)(3)(iv)(A) of this part defines “listed” and § 1910.7 of this part defines a “nationally recognized testing laboratory.”